

Multiple Measures to Help Students Learn

The Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System (NSCAS), pronounced “en-skass,” is a new statewide assessment system that embodies Nebraska’s holistic view of students and helps them prepare for success in postsecondary education, career, and civic life. It uses multiple measures throughout the year to provide educators and decision makers at all levels with the insights they need to support student learning.

Informing Instruction to Accelerate Learning

Guided by the six tenets of AQUeSTT and developed and implemented collaboratively by the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE), districts, schools, and NWEA, NSCAS provides a balance of formative, interim, and summative data and includes a strong focus on professional learning and assessment literacy.

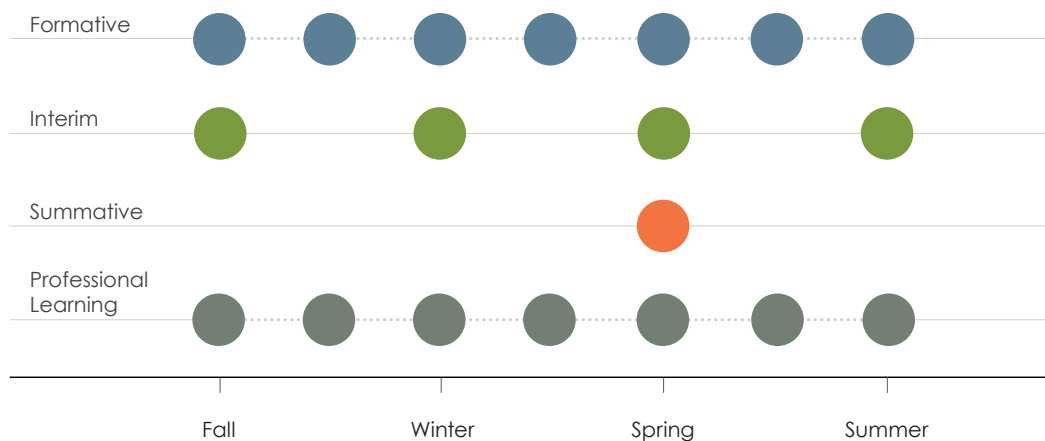
NSCAS SUMMATIVE CONTENT AREA STANDARDS

ELA and Math (Grades 3–8)

Based on Nebraska’s College and Career Ready Standards

Science (Grades 5&8)

Based on Nebraska’s legacy standards until 2020 and then based on Nebraska’s College and Career Ready Standards starting in 2021



Formative

Formative assessment enables educators and students to check for understanding during instruction and adjust teaching and learning accordingly. In addition to formative assessment resources already in place in Nebraska districts and schools, NDE is providing formative practice workshops and access to TestWiz and the Navigate Item Bank, tools for building formative assessments.

Summative

The NSCAS Summative is a new, adaptive statewide assessment that measures student performance against Nebraska’s content area standards in English language arts and math for grades 3–8 and in science for grades 5 and 8. It provides more in-depth information about what students know in less time. At the high school level, the ACT, administered to all juniors, is the summative assessment in English language arts, math, and science.

Interim

Interim assessments help Nebraska educators measure academic growth and identify student learning needs. NDE is providing MAP® Growth™ to districts to use in concert with other interim assessments of their choice. It is currently used by the majority of Nebraska districts to accurately measure performance—whether a student is on, above, or below grade level. Timely, easy-to-use reports help teachers teach, students learn, and administrators lead.

Professional Learning

In addition to the professional learning already in place in districts and schools, NDE is providing professional learning opportunities to support Nebraska educators in effectively using data to inform instruction and make decisions that support student learning. Onsite workshops led by Nebraska-certified facilitators address formative assessment, assessment literacy, and applying growth data to instruction. Workshops are complemented with extended learning content online.

A Dependable Experience

MAP Growth and the new NSCAS Summative assessment operate on the NWEA Comprehensive Assessment Platform—a secure, stable system that many districts in Nebraska know and trust. Platform continuity with the MAP Suite means student data is managed with the same proven security protocols, assessment delivery remains consistent, and integration happens just once. The familiar interface and scalable platform ensure Nebraska students and educators will have a seamless testing experience.

Implementation and support services are available to help ensure that Nebraska educators have a seamless and predictable experience with TestWiz, MAP Growth, and the NSCAS Summative assessment:

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